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# MONITORING OF INTERNATIONAL PLANS AND PROGRAMMES OF ACTION

## Note by the Secretariat

In decision 1993/239, the Economic and Social Council took note of draft decision III, entitled "Contribution of comprehensive national social policies to societal management and to the solving of economic, environmental, demographic, cultural and political problems", contained in the report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-third session, 1/ and requested the Commission to reconsider it at its thirty-fourth session. The text of the draft decision is reproduced below for consideration by the Commission.

"DRAFT DECISION III

"Contribution of comprehensive national social policies to societal management and to the solving of economic, environmental, demographic, cultural and political problems

"The Economic and Social Council decides to transmit the following draft resolution to the General Assembly:

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"Contribution of comprehensive national social policies to societal management and to the solving of economic, environmental, demographic, cultural and political problems

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 42/125 of 7 December 1987, 44/65 of 8 December 1989 and 46/90 of 16 December 1991 concerning the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future, adopted by the Interregional Consultation on Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes, held at Vienna from 7 to 15 September 1987,

"Recalling also its resolution 47/92 of 16 December 1992 on the convening of a World Summit for Social Development, to be held in Denmark in 1995, in which it decided, inter alia, that the core issues affecting all societies to be addressed by the Summit were:

"(a) The enhancement of social integration, particularly of the more disadvantaged and marginalized groups;

"(b) Alleviation and reduction of poverty;

"(c) Expansion of productive employment;

"Recalling further resolution 33/1 of 17 February 1993 of the Commission for Social Development on the World Summit for Social Development,

"1. Takes note with appreciation of the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future;

"2. Takes note also of the results of the Expert Group Meeting on the Social Consequences of Population Growth and Changing Social Conditions, with Particular Emphasis on the Family, held at Vienna from 21 to 25 September 1992;

"3. Urges Governments to accord to social policies a high priority on the national agenda;

"4. Encourages Governments to enhance all forms of participation at the local and national levels, in order to establish the essential preconditions for creating a context within which individuals, families and communities will be willing and able to respond to the incentives included within public programmes to enhance local capacities for providing social services;

"5. Requests the Secretary-General within existing resources:

"(a) To strengthen the capacity of the United Nations to provide the most effective support to Governments in their task of preparing comprehensive national social policies as central elements of their strategies for societal management;

"(b) To devote appropriate attention to the need for coordinating international action with the process of formulating and carrying out comprehensive national social policies;

"(c) To support, upon the specific request of Member States, national efforts to strengthen effective participation of all citizens in national social policies and programmes;

"(d) To include within programme activities in 1994 and 1995 national case-studies of experience in the formulation and implementation of comprehensive social policies, especially in countries suffering from severe economic, political, cultural and environmental pressures, and to ensure the wide dissemination of the results of such studies;

"(e) To undertake on a system-wide basis the analysis of national experience and the widespread dissemination of guidelines and of technical support designed to promote and strengthen national capacities for development of comprehensive social policies as intrinsic parts of social development;

"(f) To report to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session, through the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994, on the further implementation of the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future, giving special attention to recent national experience, including guidelines for achieving greater effectiveness."

## Notes

1/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1993, Supplement No. 4 (E/1993/24), chap. I, sect. B.

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